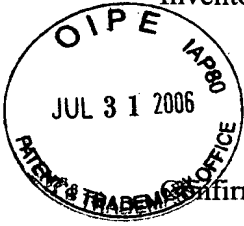


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 31, 2006 ("the Office Action"), please amend the above identified application as shown herein. Applicant has submitted herewith a petition and requisite fee for a one-month extension of time.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on Page 11 of this paper.